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National Marine Fisheries Service  
c/o Bonneville Power Administration-PL  
707 W. Main Street, Suite 500  
Spokane, WA 99201

Re: Lower Snake River Dams

Gentlemen,

The Lower Snake River Dams are critical to Washington State's power system, agriculture industry and the transportation system. The salmon are listed under the Endangered Species Act. It must be illegal to "take" an endangered species.

In my opinion, all sport and commercial fishing, including Tribal fishing, must be stopped before we spend any money removing critically needed dams on the Lower Snake River. What is the cost to buy out the commercial fishing industry that impacts the Lower Snake River. The fisherman should be reimbursed for their boats and equipment and retrained for jobs in other industries. Sports fisherman should be told to fish somewhere else. If the catch is zero, the Tribes half is zero. They should be reimbursed for boats and equipment and retrained for other jobs as well. If we are not willing to stop fishing, then we are not serious about saving the salmon.

Please do not remove vital dams while any harvesting is still allowed. Cancel the commercial fishing licenses. STOP FISHING!

Very Truly Yours,  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
& ENGINEERING, INC.

Victor H. Bishop, P.E.  
President

cc: Senator Slade Gorton  
Senator Patty Murray  
Representative Jennifer Dunn